

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KEMPTON
COMMISSIONER SMITH
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COMMISSION SECRETARY
COMMISSION STAFF

FROM: DON HOWELL
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DATE: MAY 15, 2009

SUBJECT: IDAHO POWER'S APPLICATION TO EXTEND ITS ELECTRIC
SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY,
CASE NO. IPC-E-09-14

On May 14, 2009, Idaho Power Company filed an Application for an Order approving another one-year extension to the special contract for electric service between Idaho Power and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) at the Idaho National Laboratory site. More specifically, Idaho Power seeks approval for a third, one-year extension of its special contract (Schedule 30) with DOE. The current extension expired on May 14, 2009. The Company states that there are no substantial changes to the contract or rates. Application at 2.

BACKGROUND

The current special contract between Idaho Power and DOE was initially approved by the Commission in May 2006 in Order No. 30030. *Id.* The 2006 contract granted DOE the option of requesting up to four, one-year extensions. The 2006 contract has previously been extended twice (in 2007 and 2008). See Order Nos. 30314 and 30536. In both prior contract extensions, the Commission approved the extension without public comment or hearing.

Because the current contract extension expired on May 14, 2009, the Company requests that the Commission process this Application on an expedited basis and approve this extension without further public comment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the Application and confirmed that there are no substantive changes to the contract or the rates. Under this extension ("the 2009 Extension"), electric service to INL will continue to be provided under tariff Schedule 30. The tariff rates and charges for

providing service under the 2009 Extension would be subject to change in any Commission ratemaking proceeding. The Staff concurs with the Company's request that this 2009 Extension be approved without further notice or public comment.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission find it reasonable to approve the proposed one-year 2009 Extension of the special contract (Schedule 30) between Idaho Power and DOE without further notice or procedure?

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